

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 9-20 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figure 1 to 4, the present invention relates to a beach umbrella, which has a shaft including an upper tube (2) and a lower tube (3), both with several interval positioned apertures (21), (31) thereon. A positioning apparatus (1) is provided to connect the two tubes together, which has a flat plate (11), a joint (16) with a spring (15) on one side to connect with a handle (13) and to provide elastic force for pushing a rod (14) on top of the handle (13) into central hole (12) of the apparatus (1). As the upper tube (2) and the lower tube (3) are received in the central hole (12) of the positioning apparatus (1), the rod (14) can penetrate one aperture (21) and a relating aperture (31) to position both tubes at the certain position. Hence, the height of the beach umbrella can be determined in secure, wherein both tubes (2), (3) are never loosened.